

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a storage device sensitive to vibrations in an environment with a source of vibrations, characterized in that the method comprises the following steps:

- 5 | ~~(a)~~ monitoring the performance of the storage device, ~~and~~  
| ~~(b)~~ when the performance of the storage device decreases below  
| a pre-determined level, taking action to reduce the influence of  
| vibrations generated by the source of vibrations.

| 2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the performance of the storage device is indicated by  
| service time statistics of the storage device.

| 3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the performance of the storage device is indicated by the  
| average bit-rate of the storage device.

| 4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the action comprises the step of providing a message to a  
| user to reduce the vibrations.

| 5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the source of vibrations is at least one loudspeaker, and

the at least one loudspeaker and the storage device ~~comprised are~~  
contained in the same housing.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the source of vibrations is a loudspeaker, and the action  
is reduction of the volume of the sound produced by the  
loudspeaker.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein when the performance decreases below the pre-determined  
level and the environmental temperature of the storage device is  
above a further pre-determined level, no action is taken.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 5,  
wherein:

(a) the housing is a consumer electronics apparatus;  
(b) the storage device is arranged to record an incoming  
5 stream of audio-visual data;

(c) the consumer electronics apparatus is arranged to  
reproduce the incoming stream of audio-visual data by means of a  
screen and the loudspeaker; and

wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

10 (d) storing the incoming stream of audio-visual data on a disk  
by the storage device; and

(e) reproducing the stored stream of audio-visual data stored  
on the disk by means of a screen and the loudspeaker.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 8,  
wherein the action to reduce the influence of vibrations generated  
by the source of vibrations comprises the step of advising a user  
to ~~display-render~~ the incoming stream of audio-visual data instead  
5 of the stored stream of audio-visual data.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 5,  
wherein:

(a) the housing is a consumer electronics apparatus arranged  
to reproduce audio-visual data;

5 (b) the at least one loudspeaker comprises at least one  
further loudspeaker, ~~not comprised by~~ contained in the consumer  
electronics apparatus, ~~is said at least one further loudspeaker~~  
being connected to the consumer electronics apparatus; and

(c) the action comprises the steps of:

10 i.) halting reproduction of the audio-visual data through the  
at least one loudspeaker ~~comprised by~~ contained in the consumer  
electronics apparatus; and

ii.) starting reproduction of the audio-visual data through the  
further loudspeaker.

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein:

\_\_\_\_\_ the source of vibrations is comprised by a first apparatus  
and the storage device is comprised by a second apparatus;

5 | \_\_\_\_\_the first and the second apparatus are connected through a  
| network link; and  
| \_\_\_\_\_the action is controlling the ~~second~~first apparatus by  
| reducing the power of the vibrations caused by the source of  
| vibrations.

| 12. (Currently Amended)     A-~~The~~The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the pre-determined level is replaced by a further lower  
| pre-determined level when the performance of the storage device is  
| below the predetermined level during a pre-determined period.

| 13. (Currently Amended)     A-~~The~~The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the vibrations are vibrations in a structure comprising the  
| storage device.

| 14. (Currently Amended)     A-~~The~~The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the vibrations are airborne vibrations.

| 15. (Currently Amended)     A-~~The~~The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the storage device is a disk drive.

| 16. (Currently Amended)     A-~~The~~The method as claimed in claim 1,  
| wherein the action is halting activities related to the storage  
| device other than storage and retrieval of audio-visual data.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Circuit~~ A circuit for operating a storage device in an environment with a source of vibrations, the circuit comprising a processor, characterized in that the processor is ~~conceived-arranged~~ to:

5 (a) monitor the performance of the storage device; and  
(b) when the performance of the storage device decreases below a pre-determined level, take action to reduce the influence of vibrations generated by the source of vibrations.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Consumer~~ A consumer electronics apparatus comprising:

(a) means for receiving a stream of audio-visual data;  
(b) a storage device ~~arranged to store~~ for storing the stream  
5 of audio-visual data on a disk;

(c) a source of vibrations; and  
(d) the circuit ~~according to as claimed in~~ claim 17 for ~~controlling-operating~~ the storage device.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Consumer~~ The consumer electronics apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein the source of vibrations is a disk drive arranged to spin a disk in operation.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Consumer~~ The consumer electronics apparatus as claimed in claim ~~17~~ 18, wherein the source of vibrations is a loudspeaker.